

THE VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL

CABINET: 11<sup>TH</sup> APRIL, 2024

REFERENCE FROM ENVIRONMENT AND REGENERATION SCRUTINY  
COMMITTEE : 12<sup>TH</sup> MARCH, 2024

“934 ANNUAL DELIVERY PLAN MONITORING REPORT: QUARTER 3  
PERFORMANCE 2023/24 (DP) –

The purpose of the report was to present Quarter 3 (Q3) performance results for the period 1<sup>st</sup> April to 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2023 in delivering the 2023/24 Annual Delivery Plan commitments as aligned to the Corporate Plan Well-being Objectives.

The performance report presented progress at Q3 (1<sup>st</sup> April, 2023 to 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2023) towards achieving Annual Delivery Plan (2023/24) commitments as aligned to the Corporate Plan Well-being Objectives.

Due to current capacity challenges within the Corporate Performance Team, the format for the Q3 Annual Delivery Plan Monitoring Report had been revised temporarily, to enable Elected Members to be provided with an overview of progress in delivering the Annual Delivery Plan commitments as aligned to the remit of each Scrutiny Committee.

The presentation appended at Appendix A to the report provided a summary of progress against the Annual Delivery Plan commitments for 2023/24 as aligned to the remit of the Environment and Regeneration Scrutiny Committee.

The report sought Members' consideration of Q3 performance results and the proposed remedial actions to address areas of identified underperformance. Upon consideration, the Scrutiny Committee was recommended to refer their views and any recommendations to Cabinet for their consideration.

Councillor M. Hooper asked for more information regarding the timescales for the Making Waves Project and he also asked for more detail around the approach to the Council's green infrastructure plan. In reply, and in respect of the Barry Making Waves Project, the Director of Place stated that a progress report would be presented to Cabinet and Scrutiny over the next few months. The Director clarified, that although a provisional award had been made by the UK Government, there were still some additional questions being answered by the Council as part of a gateway before the funding could be allocated. With regard to the green infrastructure plan, the Director stated that an initial draft had been produced via consultants appointed by the Council to carry out the work. Consultation on the initial plan would therefore be carried out over the summer months and feedback from the consultation would advise the final draft plan. The Director, in being asked to comment further on the Levelling Up Fund, stated that there was an

understanding from the UK Government that the need for additional information would have an impact on the deadline by when the money needed to be spent. Therefore, the UK Government was considering changing the deadline by which the Council and its partners had to spend its allocation.

Councillor Hooper raised a query in regard to the composition of the Town Boards for the UK Government's long term plan for towns. The Committee agreed to raise that as a concern for Cabinet to consider, on the basis that there appeared to be a very limited role for Elected Members in the process.

There being no further queries or comments, the Committee

#### RECOMMENDED –

(1) T H A T the Quarter 3 performance results and progress towards achieving the Annual Delivery Plan 2023/24 commitments, as aligned to the Council's Corporate Plan Wellbeing Objectives within the remit of the Committee, be noted.

(2) T H A T the remedial actions to be taken to address areas of underperformance and to tackle the key challenges identified within the remit of the Committee be noted.

(3) T H A T Cabinet be advised of the concern of the Environment and Regeneration Scrutiny Committee in relation to the constraints imposed by the UK Government in terms of the role of ward members in the composition of the Town Boards and use any opportunities which may arise to ensure effective local representation in relation to the UK Government's long-term plan for towns.

#### Reasons for recommendations

(1) Having regard to the contents of the report to ensure the Council clearly demonstrates the progress being made towards achieving its commitments.

(2) To ensure the Council is effectively assessing its performance in line with the requirement to meet its performance requirements, as outlined in the Local Government and Elections (Wales) Act 2021, and reflecting the requirements of the Wellbeing of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 in that it maximises its contribution to achieving the Wellbeing Goals for Wales.

(3) To advise Cabinet of the concerns of the Scrutiny Committee in relation to the make up of the Town Boards.”

View Report to Environment and Regeneration Scrutiny Committee: 12<sup>th</sup> March, 2024 [here](#). The comments of the Scrutiny Committee have been incorporated into the report on the Cabinet agenda at Agenda Item No. 11